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CLEANING DEVICE

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Sir:

Response To Office Action of 4-11-06

Submitted herewith is an "Amendment to the claims" section in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (7-3-03), an "Amendments to drawing figures," and applicants response to the claims rejections with an Extension-of-Time request.

Remarks

The submitted drawing amendments constitute Replacement Sheets which replace the original hand drawn sheets.

The rejections of claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,502,269 (hereinafter 269') is respectfully traversed, in view of the extensive amendments to this claim which specifically recite the subject matter of prior claims 1, 2, 3, and 4. Claims 2, 3 and 4 are herein canceled.

The rejection of claims 6 and 8 is believed to be obviated by their